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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1.(previously presented): Method for isochronous file transfer in a network for transmission of audio/video data, comprising the steps, at the level of a client application, of:

- causing a client device to request the opening of an isochronous connection between the client device and a source device;
- causing the client device to specify a file to be transferred from the source device to the client device in an isochronous manner over the connection;
- causing the client device to specify a starting point, within said file, from which the transfer is to be carried out; and
- causing the client device to request initiation of the file transfer from the starting point.

2.(currently amended): Method according to claim 1, wherein the step of causing the client device to[[said]] request [[for]] initiation-is made comprises transmitting a request to a file manager functional component module of the source device for managing a file system of isochronous files and asynchronous files on a recording medium holding the file to be transferred, wherein said file manager functional component module provides an application programmable interface for access by said client application.

Claims 3 to 6 (cancelled)

7.(previously presented): Method according to claim 1, wherein said starting point is specified in the request for opening the connection.

8.(currently amended): Device for connection to a network for transmission of [[A/V]]

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audio/video data, comprising:

a recording medium for storing isochronous files; and
a functional component module providing an application programmable interface for access to said recording medium by a client device wherein the application programmable interface comprises a method for transferring an isochronous file over an isochronous connection to the client device starting from a starting point in the file, specified by the client device.

9.(previously presented): Device according to claim 8, wherein the application programmable interface comprises:

methods for acting upon isochronous connections and files;
methods for acting upon asynchronous connections and files; and
file type independent methods for acting upon both asynchronous and isochronous files.

10.(previously presented): Device according to claim 8 or 9, wherein the application programmable interface further comprises methods for acting upon directories of both asynchronous and isochronous files.

11.(previously presented): Method for isochronous file transfer in a network for transmission of audio/video data, at the level of a source device comprising a recording medium for storing isochronous files, comprising the steps of:

- receiving from a client device a method call including a request to transmit an isochronous file to the client device over an isochronous connection with the client device, from a starting point specified in the request; and

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- initiating the file transfer from the starting point.

12.(previously presented): Method according to claim 11, wherein the called method is part of an application programmable interface of a file manager functional component module for managing the recording medium, and further comprising the step of having the source device establish, using its local registry service, a global directory comprising directories of all file manager functional component module compatible devices in the network.

13.(previously presented): Method according to claim 12, further comprising the step of including directories of devices managed by an AVDisc functional component module in the global directory.

14.(previously presented): Method according to claim 11, wherein the method call is a method call for setting up the isochronous connection.